

NEWPORT BAY CONSERVANCY
MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday May 19, 2021, 5:30 PM, ZOOM

Board attendees: Julie Ferguson, Sherry Marger, Randall English, Derrick Ankerstar, Susan Jarratt, Cassandra Radcliff, Tim Brown, Kim Bick, Ramraghi Fuller, Taylor Sais, David Waller and Josie Bennett

Staff and volunteer attendees: Heather Cieslak and Peter Bryant

Excused absences: Angie Vazarian

5:30 Call to order/roll call

5:35: Approval of April minutes: Josie Bennett

- A motion to approve the April minutes made by Julie and seconded by Randall.

5:40: Operations & Fundraising Report: Heather Cieslak

- Starting this weekend, incorporating public volunteers and small corporate groups at Bayview Heights and Big Canyon.
- Long time volunteer, Lane Koluvek, who helped to start the conservation work in UNB passed away in early May.
- Continuing work to reconcile finances with Ramraghi.
- Fundraising efforts are focused on SOCALPAPA, the Back Bay Bash and Coastal Clean Up Day.
- 5:50: Treasurer's Report: Ramraghi Fuller
 - Ramraghi Fuller presented the treasurer's report.
 - Second round of PPP funds have been received to support staff expenses.

6:00: Research Committee: Julie Ferguson

- Amy Zimmer-Faust from SCCWRP presented an update on a research study that is being conducted to assess the public health risk from consuming oysters in Newport Bay.
- Work continues on website updates and the creation of Ask-a-Naturalist posts.
- Randall English attended the Newport Beach Water Quality/Coastal Tidelands Committee.

6:05: Advocacy and Marketing: Cassandra Radcliff

- Cassandra Radcliff presented the Marketing, Outreach and Advocacy Committee.

6:10: Education Committee: Tim Brown

- Tim Brown presented the Education Report.

6:15: Board Development Committee: Tim Brown

- Tim Brown presented the Board Development Report.

6:20: Restoration Committee: Josie Bennett

- Zac Flores is being promoted from Restoration Technician to Restoration Coordinator and will continue at 32 hours a week. A new part-time technician will be hired using existing grant funds to help with restoration tasks and leading volunteer events.
- Alys (NBC) met with the City of Newport Beach and CDFW to discuss next steps for determining who will take the lead on CEQA. All agreed that the next step is for CDFW to reach out to the NB City Manager to discuss the City taking the lead on the CEQA process.

6:25: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Susan Jarratt

- Discussion and analysis continues on the Organizational Assessment Survey.

- Diversity speaker series is on-going with our next speaker scheduled for 5/25 at 5:30pm.

6:30: New Business

6:45: Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn by Randall ; seconded by Sherry.